

Minutes of Curriculum Committee Meeting - Tuesday 14th October 2014



Committee members: PA - Headteacher, BT, KP, SH, RO-P, PB, SC, AW

Those present:

Mr P Allen - Headteacher Mr B Thompson
Mrs Orpwood-Price Mrs S Hodges
Mr S Cullen Mr S Marsland
Mr T Webb

Associate member: Mr A Westcott

Clerk: Mrs J Galloway

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

1) Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Prestage and Mr Buxton.

2) Election of Chair

The Clerk asked for nominations for Chair. Non were forthcoming. The Clerk advised the Governors that Mrs Prestage had offered her nomination for Chair if there were no other offers. The Governors agreed to appoint Mrs Prestage as Chair. In her absence, Mr Thompson agreed to Chair the meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to advise Mrs Prestage.

3) Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4) Approve Minutes of Curriculum Committee Meeting of 10-06-14

The Curriculum minutes of 10-06-14 were approved and signed as a true record.

5) Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

6) Agreed Terms of Reference

This agenda item was for Governor information. The Governors had been forwarded a copy of the agreed Terms of Reference (agreed at LGB meeting of 24th September), completed with membership and quorum.

7) Modern Foreign Languages (MFL)

Curriculum Statement – The Governors were provided with the curriculum statement for MFL prior to the meeting (see attached). The headteacher advised that the curriculum statements for all subjects were available to parents via the school website. These were provided by DEMAT and have been amended slightly within school.

The new curriculum which came into force in September states the entitlement for children in KS2 to have MFL teaching.

Years 3 & 4 – look at five to six languages over the course of the two years. Languages include; French, German, Spanish, Mandarin & Japanese. The pupils' learning will be incorporated via games, basic phrases, singing games. In Year 5 & 6 the children study French in more depth. This involves; role play, speaking & listening, writing.

Governors questioned; **How much curriculum time would be spent on MFL.**

Would any training be necessary.

The Headteacher advised that time spent would be approximately 30 minutes per week. The materials are designed for non-specialist teaching. This is also reflected in the policy.

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MFL Policy – The Governors were provided with a copy of the policy prior to the meeting (see attached). There were no questions or comments regarding the policy.

All Governors agreed to approve the policy.

The Headteacher suggested that MFL could be a focus for a Governor visit.

8) School Website

The Headteacher and Clerk had undertaken an audit of the school's new website. All statutory requirements are in place. The Governors looked at the website via projection, the Headteacher updated the Governors on the different areas which had been created on the site.

9) Priorities for the Year

The following areas for priority were discussed:

- Rolling programme of curriculum areas, to include; Early Years, Literacy, Maths
- SEN
- Inclusion
- SRE Policy
- Curriculum policies
- Agree focus for Governor visits

The Headteacher to liaise with the Chair of committee to agree priorities for each term.

ACTION: Headteacher to contact Chair to arrange meeting.

10) Governor Visit Report

The Governors received a copy of the Governor visit report – Numeracy (see attached). There were no questions or comments on the report.

11) AOB

There was no further business.

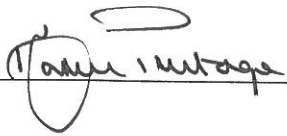
12) Dates of next meetings

The date for the next meeting is:

Local Governing Body – 11th November 2014

Committees – 8th December 2014

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.

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